IN A BUSINESS WAY.

Leading Features of the Lumber Trade for the Year Past.

THE OUTLOOK WAS NEVER BETTER.

Growing Taste for Hard Wood for Interior Finishing.

FACTS AS TO OAK, WALNUT, CYPRESS

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH, MONDAY, January 21, 1889. The year 1887 was one of the very best on

record for the lumber trade of this city. While dealers do not claim a boom for that year, they do claim that they have had no better for a healthy, satisfactory trade. At the opening of 1888 the outlook was none the brightest for the lumber trade. Labor troubles were brewing, and the approaching struggle for political ascendancy between the great parties had a discouraging effect on trade. Dealers had little hope in the early months of 1888 of keeping up the record of

the previous year. Now that the returns are all in and books posted, according to the statement of one of our leading jobbers, the year just past shows no falling off in the volume of trade, but, on no falling off in the volume of trade, but, on the contrary, a slight increase in volume of trade, with a closer margin of profit, which makes the year's business a fair stand-off to the previous year. Said this jobber: "Results of 1888 have been to us a very pleasant sur-prise, and we are more than satisfied since our books were posted and balances struck. Prices were not well maintained through the greater part of the year, but since the lat of December there has been a decaded improvement in this respect. Prices are firmer and demand has in-creased very much the past two months."

Lamber Senson Late. Through the lumber region of the Northwest fully two months of the logging season have been lost, because of scarcity of snow crop. The open winter has been adverse to lumber men as to many other trades people. The loss of two months of the average logging season of two months of the average logging season has created a shortage in lumber supplies. It is scarcely possible to make up for this shortage in the time left, with the healthiest kind of blizzards for the remainder of winter. This fact has already made its impression on mar-

kets by increased firmness and a strong de-mand. The outlook for the lumber trade is kets by increased firmness and a strong demand. The outlook for the lumber trade is
therefore an immense improvement on what it
was this time a year ago.

The quantity of pine used from year to year
varies little, though other woods are making
some inroads on the pine. Poplar particularly
is taking the place of pine for many purposes.
Poplar was not, until recent years, considered
of much value for building purposes. Experience has proved its adaptability for all
kinds of work, excepting for building timbers
and framing purposes. Especially has poplar
wood grown into favor of late years for finishing work. In this line of work it has proved
more acceptable than pine on account of its
clear quality, width and susceptibility to high
finish. By staining, the poplar can be made to
very successfully imitate the hard woods.

There is no change in the demand for hemlock for rough work in construction of buildings. No other material has been found to
take its place in this line.

Hard Wood.

Hard Wood. The demand for hard wood keeps growing every year, and the year past has been no ex-ception to this rule. In this line an increase in volume of trade of fully 25 per cent over last year is reported. Pittsburg has been slow to take to hardwood finish for the interior of dwel-

lings, but has been catching on very hard in the past few years. Not only is this the fact as to the finer class of dwellings recently erected, but also as to business blocks.

White and red oak, for inside finish, have the White and red oak, for inside finish, have the lead in fashion at this date. Cypress and yellow pine are also coming into use largely for interior finish. Three years ago cypress was an unknown wood in Pittsburg homes. Now some of the most elegant rooms in the city are finished in this wood.

Where expense is no item, mabogany is in favor for inside finish.

Black walnut, which had such a large run a few years ago, and which of late years has been considered out of date except for bank work and heavy furniture, is again coming into favor in certain quarters, and promises to be again popular at an early day.

Harmony and brilliancy of effect are every year becoming more and more a study in the inside finish of the finer class of Pittsburg homes.

Color in Architecture.

The time has come when architects and wilders give as much attention to color in interior finish of fine dwellings as the artist to his coloring for paintings.

Effects of colors are studied in the interior finish of rooms to an extent that would astonish builders and architects of a generation ago. No longer are first-class dwellings finished throughout in the same style of wood. Mural throughout in the same style of wood. Mural decorations have become prominent features in the interior finish of fine dwellings.

Every room is finished in different woods, and all first-class dwellings furnish to the eye a great variety of finish. This growing taste has in late years very much increased the demand for the different varieties of hard woods, so that the trade in this line shows a steady increase every year.

crease every year.

All lumber dealers report that while the volume of business was never as large as the past year, margins are uncomfortably narrow, and that their only salvation is found in pushing trade so as to handle large quantities of stuff.

IN HIS OWN DEPENSE.

Backus Testifics That He Slightly Wounded Green in Trying to Repulse Him.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] GREENSBURG, January 21,-Not until this morning did Nicholas Backus, the defendant in the Backus-Green murder case. admit to his counsel that he was in any way implicated in the killing of James Green. He has up until to-day insisted that the murder was committed by one Helwick, but the evidence was such as to entirely explode any such theory when advanced by the counsel, and a renewed effort on the part of the counsel brought about a confession so far as a stab in the leg of the victim was concerned, but the prisoner positively de-nied that he inflicted the second cut.

This morning the prisoner was put upon the stand to testify in his own behalf, saying that he stabbed Green in the leg when he (Green) raised the shovel and, with an oath, came toward him and threatened to this right and February, \$5 30; March, \$5 57]. arm where he stated Green struck him with

The only nervousness exhibited by the prisoner during the whole trial was at a time when the aged mother, sick and weary from trayel, and a sister of the deceased, dressed in deep mourning, came in and quietly took a seat near the District At-The prisoner's counsel will make a strong plea for acquittal on the grounds of self-delense, but the general impression is that the verdict will be manslaughter or probably second degree. The case will go to the jury to-morrow morning.

FOR M'CAUSLAND'S DEATH.

The Evidence is More Damaging Against Zack Taylor Than Clark.

PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 WAYNESBURG, January 21 .- The interest in the murder trial is still growing as the case progresses. The evidence of Thomas Mountjoy was very damaging. Taylor told him he saw James McAllister cross the hollow within 100 yards of where McCausland was murdered on the day of the murder. Also told Mountjoy he didn't know how old man Parker knew them when they went down the hollow and that he didn't think that Ben Provens could tell them when they

crossed the river. Lucien Longanecker testified he crossed the river September 10 and was going toward Masontown. About three-lourths of a mile from the river he saw two men going toward Masontown. One was a fleshy, heavy set man, and the other was a slender and taller man. He spoke to the fleshy man for George Clark, and thinks it was him. James E. Altman swore to seeing Zack Taylor in Sheriff Sterling's stable brushing himself off. This was about 12 o'clock. All these facts were strongly corroborated by wit-

The evidence is claimed to be much stronger against Taylor's case than in Clark's. There was a good deal of evidence ruled out by the Court as irrelevant. There was a large attendance of ladies in court this The genuine Salvation Oil is what you want. ruled out by the Court as irrelevant. There

MARKETS BY WIRE.

Bullish News Unsettles Wheat, but It Rallie and Closes Higher-Corn and Oats Without Sensational Features -Pork and Lard Steady.

CHICAGO-A fair speculative business was transacted in wheat, and the feeling was somewhat unsettled, though no very important changes occurred. The opening was rather weaker, with sales at 140% decline, and sold off 16c more. This early weakness was evidently due to the fall of snow which was supposed to have extended through the winter wheat dishard the sales are the sales and the sales are supposed. tricts. The market gradually became stronger and prices were advanced 15 c. This improve ment was due to good buying partly on long account, and one bull trader was reported as having increased his holdings. It was also known that the visible supply would show a liberal decrease, and this assisted the advancing tendency. The subsequent decline of Ic was attributed to a cable advice giving the stock of wheat at Odessa as over 4,500,000 bushels greater than one year ago. Exceptions were taken to this report. During the latter part of the session the feeling was steadier, and the closing

was about 1/2c higher than Saturday's.

There was very little interest manifested in corn, trading being of a local spasmodic character and fluctuations limited to ½c range. The feeling compared with Saturday was steady, though transactions were at slightly reduced prices, and at the close the market

was a trifle lower than Saturday.
Onts were quiet and steady. There was no pressure to buy or sell, hence prices changed were only 1614c.
Considerable interest was manifested in mess

pork, and trading was quite active. Opening sales were made at 10c advance, but a weaker feeling was soon manifested and a reduction of was submitted to. Later the market

40@45c was submitted to. Later the market ruled with more steadiness and prices rallied 17%@20c and closed comparatively steady.

Trading was fairly active in lard, but the feeling was weak. Prices on the whole range declined 10@12%c and the market closed rather firm at medium figures.

A fairly active trade was reached in short ribs and sides, and the feeling was weaker. Prices were about 25% higher at opening, but the market soon weakened and prices declined 15@17%c. At the reduction the inquiry was fair and the market ruled steadier and prices advanced 7% 200c and ruled quiet.

The leading futures ranges as follows:

WHEAT—No. 2, January, 90% 200% (Febru \$75% 200%) (C. May, \$1.01% 20.10%) (

3409674c; May, \$1 01/4@1 01/4@1 00%@1 00%; nly, 9269274c. Corn—No. 2 January, 34c; March, 35/4@35/4c;

July, 92@924c.
CORN—No. 2 January, 34e; March, 354@354c;
May, 354@354@364@364c.
OATS—No. 2 January, 244@244@244@244c;
February, 254c; May, 274@274@274@274c.
MESS PORK, per bbl.—January, \$12 30; February, \$12 476@12 20@12 30; May, \$12 85@
612 85@12 40@12 574c.
LARD per 100 Bs.—January, \$6 85; March, 68 824@68 874@6 674@6 874; May, \$7 022@6 874@6 874@6 874@6 874&6 \$24.06 \$

market was dull and unchanged. Eggs steady at 15@16c.

New York—Flour dull and heavy. Wheat—Spot irregular, closing barely steady; options moderately active and lower, closing \$4@36c under Saturday. Rye quiet. Barley malt dull. Corn—Spot weak and \$4c lower, options active and \$46 lower. Options active and \$46 lower. Oats weak. Hay easy and quiet. Hops—Choice firm and quiet. Coffee—Options opened steady and 10@25 points up; closed steady at 10@29 points above Saturday; sales, \$5,000 bags, including January, 15,90@16.00c; February, 15,75@15.85c; March. April and May, 15,75@15.89c; June, 15,75c; July, 15,80c, August, 15,85@15.90c; September, 15,95@16.00c; October, 15,00@16.05c; December, 16,15c; spot Bio stronger; fair cargoes, 17,4c. Sugar—Raw dull; refined dull and easy; "C." \$54@6 3-16c; yellow, \$54c; off "A." \$54@86c; moid "A." 74c; standara "A." \$6c. confectioners" "A." \$6c; cut loaf, 8c; crushed, 8c; powdered, 74c; granulated, 7c; cubes, 74c. Molasses—Foreign quiet; sales of 6 cargoes Mantanzas, to arrive, 20%c for 50 test; New Orleans dull; open kettle, prime to choice, 30@15c. Rice quiet and firm. Tallow dull; city, 55c. Turpentine nominal at 456 45%c. Eggs—Fair speculative demand; western, 17@174c. Pork lower; old mess, \$18.50 (13 75; new mess, \$14. Cutmeats steady. Butter—Fancy steady; others weak; western dairy, 13@18c; creamery, 19@25%c; Eggin, 27c. Cheese strong and in moderate demand; western, 10%@11%c.

ern, 10½@11½c.

CINCINNATI—Flour in light demand: family, \$4 25@4 40; fancy, \$4 20@4 80. Wheat in fair demand and steady; No. 2 red, \$1 00; receipts, 600 bushels; shipments, none. Corn dull and easier: No. 2 mixed, 35@35½c. Oats firm; No. 2 mixed, 25@25½c. Rye dull; No. 2, 54½@5½c. Pork dull at \$13 00. Lard lower at \$6 70. Bulkmeats dull, and nominal; short ribs, \$6 57½. Bacon easy; short clear, \$8 37½. Butter easy; fancy Northwestern creamery, 27@28c; prime dairy roll, 12@18c. Cheese—Demand light and firm; choice cured mild Ohio fast, 10½@11c.

St. Louis—Flour quiet and unchapged.

cured mild Ohio flat, 105@fle.

St. LOUIS-Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat—The decrease in visible supply being larger than was expected, and better prices elsewhere caused an improvement here, but the market was unsettled and irregular and the close was about as Saturday. Corn firm, except for May, which was easier; No. 2 cash, 250,30c; March, 316,314c; May, 273,6274c bid. Ryc weak; No. 3, 46c. Barley quiet; sample lots of Wisconsin sold at 70c. Flaxseed steady at Si 50. Barging quiet at 72,69c. Iron cotton ties, \$1 10. Provisions very dull and generally lower, with only a small job trade.

PHILADELPHIA — Flour quiet and without

lower, with only a small job trade.

PHILADELPHIA — Flour quiet and without quotable change. Wheat—Spot and February ruled steady under light offerings, but very little demand either from shippers or millers, late futures opened a shade lower, but afterward recovered and closed steady. Corn steady, but quiet. Oats—Car lots dull and barely steady; Intures dull and lac lower. Provisions steady, but demand slow. Butter dull and weak; Pennsylvania creamery extra, 25c; Pennsylvania prints extra, 28c. Eggs dull; Pennsylvania firsts, 17c. Cheese steady; part skims, 6@8c.

MILWAUKEE-Flour quiet. Wheat steady; Mil.Waukee-Flour quiet. Wheat steady; cash, 904@94c: May, 914c. Corn quiet; No. 3, 313c. Oats higher; No. 2 white, 2814c. Rye steady; No. 1, 49c. Barley unchanged; No. 2, 614c. Provisions lower. Pork Si2 20. Lard, 86 7734. Cheese dull; cheddars, 10@105c.

Baltimore—Provisions steady. Butter barely steady; western packed, 15@17c; creamery, 18@ 26c. Eggs steady at 15c. Coffee firm; rio, fair, 1736c.

Grain in Sight.

CHICAGO, January 21-The visible supply of grain in comparison with that of last week, as reported by the Board of Trade, is as fo lows: Wheat, 35,599,000 bushels; decrease, 80s, 600 bushels. Corn. 16,236,000 bushels; increase, 164,000 bushels. Oats, 8,335,000 bushels; decrease, 39,000 bushels. Rye, 1,685,000 bushels; decrease, 29,000 bushels. Barley, 2,383,000 bushels; decrease, 2,000 bushels. New York, January 21.—Stocks of grain in store and affoat January 19: Wheat, 9,176,719 hushels; corn, 4,180,557 bushels; oats, 1,991,693 bushels; rye, 144,997 bushels; barley, 257,582 bushels; mait, 160,642 bushels; peas, 26,132 bushels;

Brazilian Coffee Market. RIO D5, JANEIRO, January 21.—Coffee— Regular first, 5,700 reis per 10 kilos; good sec-ond, 5,200 reis; receipts during the week, \$5,000 bags; purchases for the United States, 25,000 bags; clearances for do, 81,000 bags; stock,

SANTOS, January 21.—Coffee—Good averages, 5,559 reis per 10 kilos: receipts during the week, 58,000 bags; purchases for the United States, 14,000 bags; clearances for do, 17,000 bags; stock, 275,000 bags.

ONE PROHIBITION ARGUMENT

Employes Threatened With Dismissal They Did Not Sign That Way.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] GREENSVILLE, January 21.-The evidence in the Greensville, Stoneboro and Sharpsville license cases was heard to-day. The arguments will follow to-morrow. The Sharpsville remonstrances have a large majority, but affidavits were presented showing that some of the furnace owners had threatened their employes with dismissal if they refused to sign the remonstrance. Stoneboro is very close, with enances in favor of license. In Greenville Michael Hamill has a small majority, but Fell and petroleum Exchange. They turned the tables on the bears in handsome style, and held their movement seemed to have

DIED IN ITS YOUTH

The Flour and Grocery Amalgamation Scheme Gets a Black Eye.

LEADING DEALERS OPPOSE IT.

Market and Boom Prices. REAL ESTATE AND STOCK TRANSFERS

The movement, to which reference was made in this department of THE DISPATCH on Sunday, to bring about the amalgamation of the wholesale flour dealers and the wholesale grocers, bids fair to die in its infancy. Several of the leading flour men were interviewed on the subject yesterday, and they, one and all, put the seal of their disapprobation upon the scheme, as impracticable under the existing conditions of the business in Pittsburg. Said Mr. Llewellyn, speaking for himself and Mr. T. C. Jenkins: "We don't belong to any trade organization or society, and we never will. We have always done business upon our own merits, and we will still pursue that course. By acting independently we are enabled to give our customers the benefit of our experience and facilities. We could not do this if we were members of a com-bine. The scheme won't work here. It has been tried several times and always went to pieces. It is based upon a wrong business theory. It seeks to sink the large dealers and

elevate the small by making all equal. This is

petition with people of little means and still less experience. We decline to consider the Another wholesale firm on Libertyl street, who refused the use of their name, was equally emphatic in opposition to the project. Said one of them: "We don't think it will succeed. The same thing has been tried here several times and always collapsed. Were we to go into it our customers would at once cry out, "Trust," and buy from the mills. Most people have a horror of trusts. The opinion once formed that we belonged to one our trade would be crippled. Another thing: Ironclad prices in Pittsburg won't work. We have several difficulties to contend with. Ohio is full of small mills. They are run at small expense and can afford to sell their product at very low figures. These alternate with supply and demand. We could not compete with them if we were bound by established rates. Then there

are mills at home that we must look after. We are free from all entangling alliances and intend to remain so."

Several other flour dealers were spoken to on the same subject, but while they were less outspoken against the scheme, they were none the less indisposed to give it their support. Amalgamation between flour dealers and grocers, or an independent flour combine, may therefore are free from all entangling alliances and inan independent flour combine, may therefore be considered out of the question for the pres-

NO INSPIRATION.

Holders of Favorite Stocks Still Show a

Indisposition to Sell. "We want more inspiration," said Captain
Barbour at the afternoon stock call yesterday, the word of prospective buyers. It is probable the mystery surrounding
whose persuasive talk had failed to screw the courage of the boys up to the sticking point. The remark was equally applicable to the fore-noon business. It was a dull day all through noon business. It was a dull day all through—
not for lack of bidders, but the stuff they
wanted was not for sale. The fact is, the better classes of stocks are scarce. Large blocks
of Electric have been taken by parties in New
England, Quebec and Montreal, where they
are held as an investment. The same is true to
some extent of Gas. This narrows the working margin and very naturally restricts business. Bids and offers were:

STOCKS. Allegheny Nat. Bank. 62½
Commercial Nat. Bank. 125
Iron & Glass Dol. Sav. 125
Keystone Bank. 125
Keystone Bank. 58½
German Nat. Buk. 58½
German National. 10 140 German National..... R. E. L. & T. R. Co. Allegheny Gas Co. III Chartlers Valley Gas... Manufacturers' Gas Co. Philadelphia Gas Co... 3034 23

Manufacturers' Gas Co. 38½ 20 30
Wheeling Gas Co. 38½ 20 30
Wheeling Gas Co. 29½ 29½ 29½
Tuna Oll Co. 63
Washington Oll Co. 73
Cittens' Traction. 70½ 79½
Pittaburg Traction. 70½ 10½ 1½
Pittaburg Traction. 10½ 1½ 1½ 1½ 1½
Pitts. Optiorama Co. 7½
West house Elec. L'1. 35½ 36½ 36 37
Union Switch & Signal 10
Pitts. Optiorama Co. 7½
Sales at the morning call embraced 25 shares
Westinghouse Electric, s. o., 60 days, at 36; 25, s. o., 90 days, 35½; 40, s. o., 3 days, 36, and three
shares regular at 36.
In the afternoon 10 shares Citizens' Traction
sold at 79; 160 Philadelphia Gas, regular, at
38½, and 20, s. o., 3 days, at 33½.
Henry M. Long sold 50 Electric at 30½@364.
The total sales of stocks were 229,388 shares.
Atchison, 47,177. Delaware, Lacksawanna and
Western, 23,940; Delaware and Hudson, 6,420;
Lake Shore, 8,600; Missouri Pacific, 15,125;
Northwestern, 6,400; Heading, 19,300; Richmond
and West Point, 6,40; St. Paul, 23,910; Texas
Pacific, 8,760; Union Pacific, 7,250; Western
Union, 7,855.

ONLY TEMPORARILY.

The Cold Snap Makes a Slight Inread Upon

Business at Banks. The sudden change in the weather cut down business at the banks yesterday, especially in the line of deposits. The clearing house report was very favorable, however, the figures bewas very favorable, however, the figures being: Exchanges, \$2,483,421 62; balances, \$34.284 01. Same time last week: Exchanges, \$2,251,121 508; balances, \$312,263 15. For the three weeks of the present year the clearing house exchanges foot up over \$36,000,000, against about \$20,000,000 for the same time last year. This steady growth, if maintained, and there is no known reason why it should not be, will soon place Pittsburg abreast of the foremost financial centers of the country.

Money on call in New York yesterday was easy at 2 to 2½ per cent, last loan 2, closed offered 2. Prime mercantile paper, 465%c. Sterling exchange firm and active at \$4.86 for 60-day bills and \$4.89% for demand.

Bonds closed in New York yesterday: U. S. 48, registered, 127%; U. S. 48, coupon, 127%; U. S. 49%, registered, 127%; U. S. 48, coupon, 10%; Pacific 6s of '95, 118.

NEW YORK-Clearings, \$72,611,960; bal-Boston-Clearings, \$16,967,432; balances, \$1.923.777. Money 2 per cent. PHILADELPHIA--Clearings, \$10,291,755; bal-BALTIMORE-Clearings, \$2,355,268; balances,

CHICAGO—Money unchanged at 5@7 per cent. Bank clearings, 89,954,000. Sr. Louis-Clearings, \$3,455,626; balances,

Sudden Changes in Temperature Make Home Preferable to the Street. Sudden changes of weather are not conducive to business. They are great boom breakers. Nothing takes the snap out of a banker, merchant or manufacturer quicker than a sudden drop in temperature. Taking this subject for

WEATHER AND BUSINESS.

text, a Fourth avenue financier said yestera text, a Fourth avenue financier said yester-day evening:
"Business at our bank has been rather slack to-day. But it is always so after a sudden change of weather from warm to cold. People are so afraid of taking colds that they won't venture out the first day of a storm if they can help it. Of course, if they have notes to pay or want to borrow mouey they must face the blast, but if depositing is their only business, they generally put it off until, like the case of the shorn lamb, the wind becomes tempered to their feelings. In other words, they stay at home until they become accustomed to the change. That is the reason why our deposits are comparatively small to-day."

The same cause holds good, to some extent at least in all lines of business, here and elsewhere, but it is particularly effective in this locality, and in this parallel of latitude when changes in the weather are more frequent and violent than they are 100 miles north or south.

THE BULLS IN CLOVER. They Take Hold of the Oil Market and grip. The selling movement seemed to have reached the end of its string, and prices went up like a rocket. The bulls took the market in hand at the start and held on until the gavel fell. The opening was 84%, % above that of

Saturday; the highest was 86%c, 2c above the highest of Saturday; the lowest was 84%c, %c above that of Saturday, and the close was 86%c, 2%c above that of Saturday. These comparative figures show at a glance the upward drift of the market. The feeling was firm throughout.

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The selling was principally by those who had bought at 85c and under. Some long oil was also dumped, but it had no effect upon the market. The boom had set in and it had to run its course. Whether it has come to stay is a matter about which there are conflicting opinions. Some think the improvement is only a spurt to give the longs a chance to unload; others, reasoning from a bullish standpoint, think the rubicon of stagnation has been passed, and that the improvement has elements of permanendy which render a reaction improbable for some time at least. It should be remembered that these are only theories. Oil is always a slippery article, to which the line from Burns applies with peculiar force: "The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft aglee."

The field news was in the direction of increased production. Jennings No. 3, on the Donnelly farm, Mt. Morris, came in Sunday, and was doing ten barrels an hour. Jennings & Co.'s No. 3, on the Bauerlein farm, Brush Creek, had one bit in the sand, and was also haking ten barrels an hour. Several old wells showed an increased output. Refined at London advanced ½d. Saturday's clearings were 576,000 barrels."

The following table, corrected by De Witt Dilworth, broker in petroleum, etc., corner Fifth The Bulls Finally Get Control of the Oil

576,000 barrels?
The following table, corrected by De Witt Dil-worth, broker in petroleum, etc., corner Fifth avenue and Wood street, Pittsburg, shows the order of fluctuations, etc.:

Time. | Bid. | Ask. | Time. Opened 84% Salvs 12:45 P. M. 8514 10:15 A. M. 84% 845; 1:00 P. M. 8514 10:30 A. M. 84% 845; 1:00 P. M. 8514 10:30 A. M. 84% 845; 1:50 P. M. 8514 11:00 A. M. 84% 845; 1:50 P. M. 8514 11:00 A. M. 84% 845; 1:50 P. M. 8514 11:15 A. M. 84% 85; 2:00 P. M. 8514 11:15 A. M. 84% 85; 2:00 P. M. 8515 11:30 A. M. 8514 8514; 2:15 P. M. 8515 11:30 A. M. 8514 8514; 2:15 P. M. 8514 11:45 A. M. 8514 8514; 2:20 P. M. 8514 11:15 F. M. 8514 8515; 2:45 P. M. 8514 11:15 F. M. 8514 8515; 2:45 P. M. 8514 11:15 F. M. 8514 8515; 8536; C. Jacch M. 88% 11:15 P. M. 8514 8536; C. Jacch M. 88% 11:15 P. M. 88% 11 Opened, 84%c; highest, 88%c; lowest, 81%c;

good for the latter, but death for the former. It sweeps away all the advantages they may have acquired by reason of lifelong experience Daily charters..... and large capital, and puts them in direct com-Dearances
New York closed at 8654c.
Oli City closed at 864c.
Bradtora closed at 864c.
New York, reined, 7c.
London, reined, 65cl.
Antwerp, refined, 1846.

> TAYLORSTOWN, January 21 .- James Mc Mannis No. 2 is in the sand, and shut down to make tank connections, but looks favorable for quite a nice well.
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> John Hodgens No. 2 and James Hodgens, Jr.,
> No. 4 will start up this week.
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> The Beabout is still drilling, but seems no
> good for either gas or oil in quantity worthy of
> mention. mention.
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> The tools have been found at Carson 3 and Robert Noble 2, and operations resumed.
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> The Houston has been packed, and estimated to be producing about 125 barrels.

Oil News From Taylorstown.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. ?

Other Oil Markets.

SOME GOOD SALES.

An Important Deal in Diamond Alley Real Estate-Other Dickers.

There was very little vim in real estate circles esterday, dealers being kept busy for the most

It was reported on good authority that negotiations had been closed for a desirable piece of property on Diamond street, between Wood and Smithfield, the consideration being \$40,000, or thereabouts. This is between \$700 and \$800 per front foot, showing that property in the locality mentioned is on the jump. The purchasers are said to be newspaper men.

Black & Baird, 95 Fourth avenue, sold for George W. Knopf a Queen Anne dwelling of 11 rooms on Amber street, with lot 40x110 feet, for \$6.000. They also placed the following mortgages: One of \$2.300, for three years at 6 per cent, on Sandusky street property, Allegheny City: one of \$4.000 on Ben Venue property for five years, at 6 per cent, and one of \$5.000 on Penn avenue property for one year at 6 per cent. tiations had been closed for a desirable piece of

6 per cent.

W. A. Herron & Sons sold lot No. 394, in the Ruch plan, Thirteenth ward, size 20x100 feet, for \$350. They also sold about eight acres on Grape street, Twenty-third ward, with small frame house, for \$3,500 cash. frame house, for \$3,500 cash.

Samuel W. Black & Co.. 99 Fourth avenue, sold at auction lots Nos. 56 and 57, on New York avenue, in West End Place plan of lots. Thirty-fifth ward, to L. Biederman and John Lee, for \$128. They also sold a mortgage for \$600, three years, at 6 ner cent, on property in Leesdale, Pa., on the Baltimore and Ohlo Railroad.

Reed B. Coyle & Co., No. 181 Fourth avenue, sold for Mrs. H. L. Book, to Joseph M. Schaefer, one of those fine brick residences on Oakland square, corner of Boquet street, Oakland. They report a great inquiry for these fine residences, and several more will likely be disposed of in a few days.

fine residences, and several more will likely be disposed of in a few days. Black & Baird, & Fourth avenue, sold for H. C. Shepherd, of Wheeling, West Va., a tract of land containing 61-20 acres, on Park avenue, Twenty-second ward, between Braddock and Biddle street, for \$5,000 cash.

ATCHISON HAMMERED.

The Bears Find a Weak Spot and Make the Most of It - Small Business in Wall Street and a

Heavy Feeling. NEW YORK, January 21.-The stock market was a divided one to-day, with the Southwest-erns weak and the dull stocks and specialties remarkably strong, but the general veloped strength as the day wore along, and the result of the day's trading is to leave the list generally fractionally higher than at the close on Saturday. The feeling on the street was conservatively bullish this morning, but the bears found a weak spot in Atchison and the attacks upon that stock of Saturday were renewed with marked effect, an extreme de-cline of 2½ per cent being established, and it reached still lower prices than had been here-

tofore attained.

There was free covering of shorts at the low figures, and this caused a sharp rally in Atchison and brought the rest of the list up to something above the previous best figures. A decrease in the Northwestern carnings for the month of December of over \$200,000 seemed to have no effect upon the improvement, and other items of bearish information were equally without influence. The coal stocks were very prominent, and Delaware and Hudson was specially active and strong, followed by Lackatofore attained. other items of occasis information were equally without influence. The coal stocks were very prominent, and Delaware and Hudson was specially active and strong, followed by Lackawaina and Jersey Central. Pullman resumed its upward course, and a net gain of more than 3 per cent over the best price of last week was scored. Gas Trust and Lake Erie and Western preferred, among the inactive shares, were specially prominent for the advances made, but the others were quiet and strong throughout the day after the first break in Atchison. First prices were only slightly changed from Saturday's close, except in Atchison and Burlington, and while the tone of the market was strong at the opening, the attack upon Atchison checked the improving tendency. The general list reached the best prices of the day toward delivery hour, after which realizations caused a fractional setback and gave the market at the close a rather heavy appearance, the business doing being only moderate. Atchison shows a net decline of 1½ per cent, but Pullman rose 5½. Delaware and Hudson 2½. Chicago Gas Trust 1½. Lake Erie and Western preferred 1½ and Jersey Central 1 per cent.

The railroad bond market was less active than on any day since the activity began, sales reaching only \$1,577,000, of which \$232,000 were in the Reading general is. The tone of the trading was generally firm to strong, but there were few marked improvements, and the weakness of Atchison was reflected in a decline in the Gulf, Colorado and Sante Fe bonds, with some talk of a receiver for the road. The first lost 2 per cent, to 107, and the seconds, after a drop of 5½ per cent, to 107, and the seconds, after a drop of 5½ per cent, to 107, and the seconds, after a drop of 5½ per cent, to 107, and the seconds, after a drop of 5½ per cent, to 70½ recovered to 74, a net loss of 1 per cent. There were no other losses of moment. Burlington. Cedar Rapids and Northern firsts rose 3, to 99½.

The following table shows the prices of active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange. Copper. Hi

Stock Exchange, 57 Fourth:

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Canada Southern. bi4
Central of New Jersey, 83
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A CONTRADICTORY MARKET. * Some Stocks Weak and Some Strong on the Boston Exchange. Boston, January 21 .- In the stock market the week opened with continued severe liquidation in Atchison stock and several of the same family of bonds. West End and Pullman were strong and active.

Philadelphia Stocks. Closing quotations of Philadelphia stocks, fur nished by Whitney & Stephenson, brokers, No. 57 Fourth avenue. Members New York Stock Ex-

Asked 24 5-16 54% 52 Heading Railroad
Lehigh Valley
Lehigh Navigation
Lehigh Navigation
Lehigh Navigation
Licho's New Jersey
Northern Pacific
Northern Pacific preferred

Mining Stocks. NEW YORK, January 21.—Mining stocks closed: Amador, 175; Caledonia B. H., 280; Consolidated California and Virginia, 875; Hale and Norcross, 485; Homestake, 1225; Iron Silver, 315; Ontario, 3300; Ophir, 525; Plymouth, 837; Sierra Nevada, 300; Standard, 100; Silver King, 100; Union Consolidated, 200; Yellow Jacket, \$4.

Business Notes. THE manipulator of the big Wood street deal promises to turn on the light to-day. THE Wilkinsburg Natural Gas Company is sinking another well. The old one is still plugged up. THE Edgewood borough scheme is tied up in

the Supreme Court, where it may remain for a year or two. THERE was considerable demand yesterday for La Noria. There is a large amount of ore

ready for crushing. There may be something in it. At the annual meeting of the Junction Railroad Company the following directors were elected: J. W. Chalfant, C. B. Herron, Janes Callery, Jacob Painter, Jr., Reuben Miller, William Metcalf, W. L. Vankirk, William Vankirk, A. E. W. Painter, C. L. Fitzhugh, Charles F. Mayer and William F. Frick. T. M. King was chosen President. The report of receipts and expenses for the year ending December 31, 1888, was presented. It was as follows: Receipts from freight, \$195, 235–72; from passengers and miscellaneous, \$6077-742, an increase of \$19,263-43 over 1887. Operating expenses, total, \$48,675-66, as against \$41,108-52 in 1877. Net earnings, \$132,637-48, an increase of \$11,696-29 over 1887. Net surplus January 1, 1888, \$46,409-59. AT the annual meeting of the Junction Rail-

A Price | P changed hands alive at \$5.50 per 100 pounds, and \$5.205 60 are the reported extremes.

CHICAGO—Cattle—Receipts, \$,500 head: shipments, \$,500: market slow and steady: choice beeves, \$4.4024 70: steers, \$2.85624 10; stockers and feeders, \$2.0023 60: cows, buils and mixed, \$1.002 so: Texas cattle, \$1.902 90. Hors—Receipts, \$1.000 head; shipments, 4,500 head; market opened higher, with advance lost; mixed, \$4.8525 05; heavy, \$4.9025 1234; light, \$4.8525 10: skips, \$3.4026 05. Sheep—Receipts, \$3.000 head; shipments, 2,000 head; market weaker, 5 to 10 cents lower; natives, \$2.7565 30; Western, corn fed, \$4.4024 65; Texaus, \$3.4026 4 30; lambs, \$4.8026 50.

BUFFALO—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000 head through; \$2,200 head sale; fairly active, \$2.5023 00. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 2,000 head through; \$2,200 head sale; dull with lower tendency will probably sell 25: lower than last Monday; prime steers, \$3.600 16,000 head sale; dull with lower tendency will probably sell 25: lower than last Monday. Good sheep, quotable at \$4.2524 75; good lambs, quotable at \$4.2526 00. Hogs—Receipts, 4,500 head through; 21,000 head sale; fairly active medium, 10c off; Yorkers and pigs, \$5.3025 35.

ST. LOUIS—Cattle—Receipts, 900 head; shipments, 700 head; market strong; choice heavy \$5 05@5 10; Yorkers and pigs, \$5 30@5 35.

St. Louis—Cattle—Receipts, 900 head; shipments, 700 head; market strong; choice heavy native steers, \$4 10@4 70; fair to good do, \$3 70 @4 20; butchers' steers, medium to choice, \$3 10 @4 00; stockers and feeders, fair to good, \$2 00 @3 10; rangers, corn-fed, \$3 00@3 70; grass-fed, \$2 10@2 90. Hogs—Receipts, 2,700 head; shipments, 1,300 head; market casier; choice heavy and butchers' selections, \$5 00@5 10; packing, medium to prime, \$4 \$5@5 00; light grades, ordinary to best, \$4 \$0@4 \$5. Sheep—Receipts, 200 head; shipments, \$000 head; market strong; fair to choice, \$3 00@4 80.

CINCINNATI—Hogs in light demand and easier; common and light, \$4 25@5 00; packing and butchers', \$4 90@5 10; receipts, \$,750 head; shipments, 1,250 head.

BALTIMORE—Hogs—Full supply and market.

BALTIMORE—Hogs—Full supply and market slow; quotations, \$6 75@7 00; receipts, 8,296 head. Whisky Market. There is an active demand at \$1 03.

Wool Markets.

Sr. Louis-Wool quiet and steady at previ-

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

Wild Wintery Weather Gives New Heart to Commission Men.

BETTER TONE TO PRODUCE TRADE. Retail Dealers of Grain and Hay Report

Difficulty of

SECURING SIMON PURE PRODUCTS

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, MONDAY, January 21, 1889. Country Produce, Jobbing Prices. It is too early in the week and weather is too rough to obtain anything tangible in produce lines. The feeling with commission men is more hopeful since winter weather has put in an appearance. Monday is with tradesmen as with preachers, generally blue, but a continu-ance of the wild winter weather which has at last come to time will no doubt improve trade, and a better record than has been made for some weeks past is confidently looked for in produce lines for this week. BEANS—Navy from store, prime hand picked, 2 00@2 10 per bushel; medium, \$2 00; Ohio and

Pennsylvania 6o, prime and medium, \$2 006 2 10; imported do, \$1 90@2 00; Lima, 5½c per \$; marrowfar, \$2 75@2 80 per bushel. BUTTER—Creamery, Elgin, 28@30c; Ohio do, 24@27c; fresh dairy packed, 20@25c; country rolls, 18@22c; Chartiers Creamery Co, butter, 26 BEESWAX-28@25c per h for choice; low Grade, 16@18c.
CIDER—Sand refined, \$6 50@7 50, common, \$3 50@4 00; crab cider, \$8 00@8 50 \$\pi\$ barrel; cider vinegar, 10@12c \$\pi\$ gallon.
CHEESE—Obio cheese, fall make, 12@123/cc; Ncw York, fall make, 123/4013c; Limburger, 113/40123/c; domestic Swettzer cheese, 13@133/c.
DRIED PEAS—\$1 45@1 50 \$\pi\$ bushel; split do,

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EGGS—16@18c W dozen for strictly fresh.
FRUITS—Apples, \$1 00 to \$1 50 W barrel; evaporated raspberries, \$5c W h; cranberries, \$8 00 W barrel; \$2 40@2 50 W bushel.
FEATHERS—Extra live geese, 50@60c; No. 1 do, 40@45c; mixed lots, 30@50 W h.
HOMINY—\$3 30@3 40 W barrel.
HONEY—New Crop, 16@17c; buckwheat, 13@15c.

POTATOES—Potatoes, 35@40c P bushel; \$2 50 @2 75 for Southern sweets; \$3 25@3 50 for Jer-

@2 75 for Southern sweets; \$3 25@3 50 for Jersey sweets.

POULTRY—Live chickens, 55@70c P pair; dressed chickens, 13@15c P pound; turkeys, 13 @15c dressed P pound; ducks, live, 80@5c P pair; dressed, 13@14c P pound; geese, 10@11c P pound.

SEEDS—Clover, choice, 62 hs to bushel, 56 per bushel; clover, large English, 62 hs, 56 25; clover, Aisike, \$5 50; clover, white, \$9 00; timothy, choice, 45 m. \$1 90; blue grass, extra clean, 14 hs, \$1 00; blue grass, fancy, 14 hs, \$1 20; orchard grass, 14 hs, \$2 00; red top, 14 hs, \$1 00; millet, 50 hs, \$1 25; German millet, 50 hs, \$2 00; Hungarian grass, 48 hs, \$2 00; lawn grass, mixture of fine grasses, 25c per h.

SHELLBARKS—\$1 50@1 75.

TALLOW—Country, 43/@5c; city rendered, 5655c.

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TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, \$3 00@3 50 \$2 box; Messina oranges, \$2 50@3 50 \$2 box; Florida oranges, \$2 75@3 00 \$2 box; Jamaica oranges, fancy, \$4 50@5 00 \$2 barrel; Malaga grapes, \$5 50@2 00; good seconds \$2 bunch; coconuts, \$4 00 \$2 hundred; new fige 12@14c \$2 pound; dates, 554@054c \$2 pound.
VEGETABLES—Celery, 40@50c doz bunches; cabbages, \$3 00@5 00 \$2 100; onions, 50c \$2 bushel; Spanish onions, 75@90c \$2 crate; turnips, 30 @40c \$2 bushel.

BROKERS-FINANCIAL. GREEN COFFEE → Fancy Rio, 20%@21%c; choice Rio, 19@20c; prime Rio, 19c; fair Rio, 18@18%c; old Government Java, 26%c; Mara-caibo, 21%@22%c; Mocha, 30@31c; Santos, 18%@ 22c: Caracas coffee, 1934@21c; peaberry, Rio. 20 @2134c: Laguayra, 2034@2134c. Roasted(in papers)—Standard brands,2234c; high grades, 2434@2834c; old Government Java,

high grades, 2414@281/c; old Government Java, bulk, 31@32c; Marneaibo, 20@27c; Santos, 2114@223/c; peaberry, 251/c; choice Rio, 24c; prime Rio, 21/c; good Rio, 21c; ordinary, 20c.

SPICES (whole)—Cloves, 21@25c; allspice, 9c; cassia, 829c; pepper, 19c; nutmeg, 70@80c.

PETROLEUM (jobbers' prices)—110° test, 71/c; Ohio, 120°, 83/c; headlight, 150°, 9c; water white, 104/c; globe, 12c; elaine, 15c; carnadine, 111/c; royaline, 14c.

SYEUPS—Corn syrups, 22@25c; choice sugar syrup, 35@36c; prime sugar syrup, 30@36c; sirictly prime, 33@35c.

N. O. Molasses—Fancy, old, 48c; choice, 45c; mixed, 40@42c; new crop, 43@30c.

change were 40 cars. By Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago, 7 cars of hay, 1 of feed, 5 of flour, 12 of barley, 3 of oats, 1 of bran, 2 of e. corn, 1 of middlings. By Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis, 4 cars of corn, 1 of oats, 8 of hay, 2 of bran, 1 of middlings, 1 of flour. Sales on call: One 1 car No. 1 timothy hay \$15, 10 days; 1 car sample white oats 316, 10 days, track. Cereal markets are in general steady. While Cereal markets are in general steady. While buyers look for concessions, sellers are not disposed to concede. Retail dealers complain that stuff coming to the front this season is below the average in quality. One of the heaviest retailers of the city reports that it has been very difficult all the winter to procure a first-class article of corn and oats, and that full prices are readily paid for such.

WHEAT—Jobbing prices—No. 2 red, \$1.05@ 106; No. 3 red, 90095c.

CORN—No.2 vellow, ear, 394@40c; bigh mixed, ear, 384@30c; No.1 vellow, shelled, 38@30c; high mixed, shelled, 36037c; mixed, shelled, 36037c; mixed, shelled, 36037c; mixed, shelled, 36030c; No. 2 mixed, 20030c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 304@30c; extra No. 3, 306314c; No. 3 white, 304@31c; No. 2 mixed, 20030c.

RYE—No. 1 Pennsylvania and Ohio, 50@55c; No. 1 Western, 50@35c.

BARLEY—No. 1 Canada, 86@18c; No. 2 Canada, 90@85c; No. 3 Western, 65@70c; Lake Shore, 75@80c.

FLOURS—Jobbing prices winter natents 86.50

Western, 85@85c; No. 3 Western, 65@70c; Lake Shore, 75@80c.

FLOUR—Jobbing prices, winter patents, \$6.50 @6.75; spring patents, \$6.75@700; fancy straight, winter and spring, \$5.75@600; clear winter, \$5.50@5.75; stright XXXX bakers', \$5.25@5.50. Rye flour, \$1.75.

CORNMEAL—In paper, 60@70c.

MILLFEED—Middlings, fine white, \$20.55@5.21.00 % ton; brown middlings, \$17.50@18.00; winter wheat bran, \$15.50@16.00; chop feed \$15.00@18.00.

HAY—Baled timothy, choice, \$15.50@16.00; No. 1 do, \$15.00@15.25; No. 2 do, \$12.00@18.00; loose from wagon, \$23.00@26.00; No. 1 upland

prairie, \$9 50@10 00; No. 2, \$8 00@8 50; packing do, \$5 75@6 00. STRAW-Oats, \$8 00@8 25; wheat and rye straw, \$7 00@7 25.

As will be seen by our quotations, there is another drop in hams, bacon and lard. Large hams, 18 as and upward, 105cc; medium hams, 14 to 18 hs. 11c; small hams, 14 hs and under, 11½c; pienic or California hams, 8½c; boneless (in skins), 11½c; sugar-cured shoulders, 8½c; bacon, 8c; dry sait, 9c; breakfast bacon, 10c; rouletts (boneless s. c. shoulders), 10½c; regular smoked sides, 9c; bellies, smoked sides, 9c; regular dry sait sides, 8½c; bellies, dry sait sides, 8½c; dried beef, sets 3 pieces, 10c; dried beef, flats, 8c; dried beef, rounds, 11c; dried beef, flats, 8c; dried beef, rounds, 11c; dried beef, flats, 8c; dried beef, rounds, 11c; dried beef, knuckles, 11c; pork, mess, \$16 50; pork, family, \$17 00; pig pork, half barrels, \$8 00; long sausage, 5½c. Lard-Therces, 325 hs. 7½c \$2 h. half barrels, 120 hs, 7½c \$2 h. half barrels, 120 hs, 7½c \$2 h. tin pails, 60 hs, 8c \$2 h. 5 h tin pails, 60 hs, 8c \$2 h. 5 h tin pails, 60 hs, 8%c \$2 h. 10 h tin pails, 60 hs, 8c \$2 h. 5 h tin pails, 50 hs, 8%c; \$3 h. hams, 14 to 18 hs. Hc; small hams, 14 hs and

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Metal Markets. NEW YORK—Pig iron quiet. Copper easier, especially futures; lake, January, \$17.25. Lead weaker; domestic, \$5.82%. Tin dull and weaker; straits, \$21.55. Sr. Louis-Lead dull at \$3 55@3 60.

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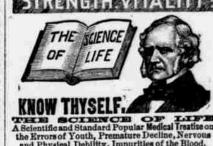
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